

# DMS Boys Basketball I Details: 2009-2010

## Game Record

A Team: 3-14

B Team: 1-10

### **January 27**

The A Team's last game left the boys in fine spirits despite a disappointing loss. After maintaining the lead throughout the first three quarters, the Earwigs were unable to shut down Vista's star player who scored 19 points in the final quarter of the game, beating Dunn 35-31. Joseph and Ryan scored all but four of Dunn's points. Joseph shot four 3-point field goals, and Ryan earned his points through a combination of drives to the hoop and outside shots. Shannon's basket was a beautiful rebound pump-shot. Jake's basket was the result of excellent positioning and teamwork under the hoop. The boys basketball teams had a fabulous season filled with enjoyment and improvement. We are proud of all of them for their positive attitudes and hard work.

### **January 25**

The Earwigs played a valiant game against Solvang's tough A Team. Despite being in the lead for the first 2 minutes of the game, Dunn lost to Solvang 27-40. The star of the Dunn team was certainly Ryan, with 15 points, including a successful shot from the free throw line and two 3-pointers! Joseph was nearly shut down by Solvang's star player but still managed to get 8 points. Jon got two fast breaks in the few minutes he was in the game, but was unable to get them in the hoop. Brian found himself airborne in his fight for rebounds several times during the game. Our next game will be tomorrow at 7:45 at Solvang.

### **January 24**

The Boys Basketball season is over for the B Team. They had a terrific season and improved tremendously over the last couple months. Of particular note was the improvement shown by Balam in the last few games. Early in the season he was a minor scorer, but by the last game he led the scoring on the Dunn B Team.

The A Team finished their season on a high note against Christian Academy. They played well as a team after learning how to box the other team out to claim more rebounds and after learning how to drive and pass to the inside. Joseph's five field goals didn't hurt their score any, either. The final score was 34-25, Earwigs! Tomorrow the A Team has their first tournament match at Solvang at 5:15 pm. It should be a challenging match, so be sure to watch and cheer for our boys. Admission is \$1.

### **January 6**

The A and B Teams both earned their first wins of the season yesterday against the Santa Ynez Charter School. They were two of the best basketball games I have ever watched, as first one team was in the lead and then the other. The level of play by both Dunn teams showed distinct improvement over previous games this season.

The B Team was tied 24-24 at the end of the standard four quarters and went into a 3 minute overtime. In the end, the Earwigs beat Charter School by a single point. Mario and Tutt were the high scorers in the game, but Balam and Wyatt also played key roles in marking up our first win. Jonathon found himself in the middle of the play a couple times and did a fabulous job competing for the ball.

The A Team was on fire last night. Jake often put himself in just the right position next to the basket and was very successful putting the ball through the hoop. Joseph and Ryan were also top scorers. Brian made some excellent rebounds and earned the Earwigs 4 points. Of particular note was our team's ability to pass into the key and box out the other team on rebounds. Dunn played like a team. It was good to see Jacob on the court for the first time since the beginning of the season, and I predict we will see more of him during the next few weeks. Just like the B game, the A game was a real nail biter, with the lead switching back and forth several times. The final score was Earwigs 28, Charter School 26.

## **December 15**

Yesterday's games against the Santa Ynez Valley Charter School were both very close. The A Team lost 31-36. but there were some significant highlights. Joseph scored 20 points, including two free throws and two three-pointers. Jake contributed 7 points, over three times as many points as he has scored the rest of the season combined. The greatest highlight, however, was that Brian fouled for the first time in history, not only once but three times! It is great to see our team playing more competitively.

The B Team game was neck and neck the whole way. Dunn ended the first quarter in the lead, lost the lead by half time, regained the lead by the end of the third quarter, and finally lost the game 14-16 in the final quarter. Jack, Mario, and Wyatt were our top scorers, and they were helped out by Balam who also scored 2 points and played hard throughout the game. Jack was incredibly intense, and on multiple occasions he charged down the court with a fanatical grimace on his face scattering the competition in all directions. The team has improved tremendously, and we are hoping to see a few wins by the end of the season.

## **December 11**

Last night's game against Solvang's A Team was the best one of the season so far. Although Dunn lost the match it was fairly even at 28-42. The entire team

played well by setting up most plays and sharing the ball wisely. Brian made his first 4 points of the season and has earned himself the nickname "Chocolate Thunder." Ryan turned over a new leaf in his basketball career by fouling only twice. Joseph made excellent progress working as a team and was still the highest scoring player on our team. Most importantly, however, was how much fun was had by everyone on the team. Jake was noted laughing and joking with other players nearly every time he helped work the ball down the court, and the entire team was in high spirits.

The B Team also had a good game against Solvang. The final score was 15-25; Wyatt scored 10 of those points, Anthony got a 3-pointer, and Balam scored the other two. Both of our teams are getting better as the season progresses.

## **December 8**

The competition is tough out there this year, and it was no exception tonight against Los Olivos. The Los Olivos well-oiled machine was a pleasure to watch, but the final scores were not pretty: A Team 13-45 and B Team 11-26. As for the Earwigs' A Team, Ryan made three free throws and Joseph scored the remaining 10 of our 13 points. Jon hustled the ball on the inside, and Jake made some smooth moves under the hoop followed by promising shots. Unfortunately, none of them went in.

The star of the B Team was clearly Mario, with 6 of our 11 points. Balam played well and got several fast breaks and well-timed shots, one of which scored him 2 points.

## **December 4**

The A Team had a difficult time getting the ball in the hoop during the first half. At one time the score was 0-15, Jonata, and by half time the mighty Earwigs had scored a measly 3 points. However, in the second half they outscored the Bulldogs by a single point and finished the game 28-49. There were some bold inside moves by Ryan Layton, who also made a terrific full-court pass to Joseph for a fast-break layup. The star of the game was Joseph, who scored 19 of the Earwigs 28 points. He also threw an unforgettable shot from near the half court line. The ball was in the air as the third quarter buzzer sounded, and went through the hoop touching nothing but net. It was great to watch Dunn hold their heads high, despite being down so far at the end of the first half, to make a great comeback in the second half.

The B Team lost against Jonata, 14-34. They played an excellent first quarter but were only able to score four points during the remainder of the game. Wyatt was our top scorer with 6 points, and the entire team played with enthusiasm and style; they never give up despite having a hard time making shots.

## **December 2**

In last night's game against Santa Ynez our boys held their own during the first quarter but had a hard time scoring during the next three quarters, resulting in a final score of 21 Dunn/50 Santa Ynez. Joseph led the Earwig charge with a total of 16 points.

Our B Team played a terrific first game last night against Santa Ynez. Jack and Mario were our top scorers, with 6 points each. Despite great efforts, the Earwigs took a 16-32 loss. Nevertheless, they will be out on the courts again Thursday for an exciting match against Jonata.